

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

January 2007-April 2007



President - Steve Bickford Vice-President - Bob Baker Treasurer - John M^cCumiskey

The Sacramento Chess Club meets the first four Wednesday evenings of the month between 5:30 and 9 PM at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street between I and J Streets, mid-town Sacramento. We are a USCF affiliate and charge no dues. Everyone of all ages and playing strength is welcome! The Club's website is located at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>

Changes to Club Meeting Nights

The Hart Senior Center has implemented changes to our club meeting nights. The Club now meets only the first four Wednesdays instead of every Wednesday. During 2007, this means the Club will **not** meet on January 31, May 30, August 29, and October 31. We will continue to work with the Hart Senior Center to try to restore all of our Wednesday night meeting times. The Club has been meeting at the Hart Senior Center on Wednesday nights for over 20 years. Prior to the Hart Senior Center, the club met for many years at the club house in McKinley Park.

In addition to the meeting date changes, we are now required to carry \$1,000,000 of liability insurance for our meetings at the Hart Senior Center. At this time, the most cost efficient alternative is to purchase the insurance through the City of Sacramento Risk Management Division for an estimated \$250 for 2007 (the City of Sacramento has not yet provided the exact cost). The Club should be able to afford this coverage in the foreseeable future, but there is also a risk that the City of Sacramento will choose not to offer this relatively inexpensive coverage for groups holding events in community centers.

These changes do not affect our ability to run regular and scholastic weekend events.

2006 Annual Club Awards

Player of the Year – Ziad Baroudi
Scholastic Player of the Year – Isaac Zhang
Most Improved Player – Micah Cohen
Service Award – Jamshid Alamehzadeh

Congratulations to the winners!

Schedule of Events

1-3-07 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship Qualifier. 5 round Swiss. This will be the qualifying round for the championship to be held on 1-10. The format will be as follows: If there are 21 or more entries, there will be three ratings balanced sections with the top two advancing to the finals from each section; if there are 20 or fewer entries, there will be two ratings balanced sections with the top three scores from each section advancing to the finals. Ties for advancement to the finals will be broken with a G/5 playoff. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. Entry fee \$5. USCF Quick Chess rated.

1-10 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship. The title will be determined by a six-player round robin with the qualifiers from 1-3. Any ties for the title will be broken using a G/10 playoff. USCF Quick Chess rated. Games start at 7.

1-17>2/14 Winter G/75. An event for all of you who miss the "slower" time controls! 4 Round G/75 USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration on 1-10. Registration on 1-17 from 6:00-6:20. Round 1 at 6:30 pm, subsequent rounds at 6:25 pm. Trophy to the champion, top 1500-1799, and under 1500 (including unrated). Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

1-27 2007 Sacramento Elementary Scholastic Championship. See flyer on page 3.

2-21 Quick Chess G/10. 5 round Quick Chess tournament. USCF Quick Chess rated, \$2 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:55, round 1 at 7:00

2-21 Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship Captains and Organizational

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Meeting will be held between 7:30 and 8:00 pm. We need team captains to be there with the names of players on their team and individuals who would like to play but are not on teams. Team details below.

2-28>?? Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship. Round Robin. 6 person teams. No team may have more than 3 alternates. The average rating for any given night may not exceed 1750. For purposes of calculating the adjusted ratings, any player rated over 2200 will count as 2200; any player rated under 1300 and unrated players will count as 1300. Ratings will be based on the February 2006 Supplement. We encourage other clubs, schools, employers, or fraternities to field teams. Clever names, logos, t-shirts, mascots, fight songs, etc., are all encouraged. No need to be subtle. If you can't find a team, contact Cain Garrett, Bob Baker, or Steve Bickford at the Club, call John McCumiskey at 524-9479, or send an e-mail to us. You will be placed in a competitive situation as quickly as possible. Time control will be Game 55 d/5 or Game 60. USCF rated. Entry fee \$30 per team. Lineups must be placed in rating order. With TD approval, unrated players may be placed anywhere in the lineup, however, they must always play in the rating range of the players above and below them (i.e., if board 2 is rated 1904, board 4 is rated 1748, and an unrated player is placed on board 3, the unrated player must always be on a board between players rated from 1748 to 1904). Trophies for the members of the winning team and best board score. (To win a board prize, a player must play 60% of the available games on that board. For example, if there are 5 games in the event, a player must play 3 games on a board to win the board prize.) We would like to see six to eight teams for this event! All rounds start at 6:55 pm.

2-24 Sacramento Scholastic Championship. See flyer on page 5.

4-4 Spring Blitz. Unrated 7 round Game 5 blitz tournament. Entry fee \$2. Registration 6:30-6:55, round 1 at 7. If there is enough interest, a scholastic section may be formed.

4-11>5-16 SCC Spring Swiss. 5 Round G/60 USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration on 4-4. Registration on 4-18 from 6:30-6:55. Round 1 at

7:00 pm, subsequent rounds at 6:55 pm. Trophy to the champion, top 1500-1799, and under 1500 (including unrated). Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

Future Events: May – St. Albans Scholastic, St. Albans G/30 Open, Swap Night; **June** – Club Junior Championship; **July** – Sacramento Chess Championship, Club G/5 Championship, Club G/5 Junior Championship; **August** – Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #18; **September** – Election of Club officers, Club Championship.

Elk Grove Chess Club

The Elk Grove Chess Club is meeting at the Franklin Community Library in Elk Grove on the first Tuesday of every month. For further information, please contact Roseller at mnlachess@yahoo.com, phone 916-549-8432.

Current Club Champions

2006 Bullet (G/1): Matt Zavortink
2006 Club: Ziad Baroudi
2006 G/5: Steve Ross
2006 Scholastic: Emery Mesich
2006 Team: Warriors
(Brian Astle, Brendan Joseph Birt, Stoyan Elitzen, Jordan Ford, Alonzo McCaulley, Steve Ross)
2006 G/10: Kenan Zildzic

Experimental Events

In January, the Club is experimenting with a G/75 tournament at the request of members. By necessity, this event must start at 6:30 each night. Turnout will determine if we try to run more of these events. If you want to try this event or have a suggestion for other types of events, please contact Steve Bickford, Bob Baker, or John McCumiskey.

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2007 Sacramento Elementary School Championship, January 27, 2007

SECTIONS: K – 3rd Grade; K – 6th Grade; K – 8th Grade; K – 12th Grade. For example, a 4th grade student may play in the K-6, K-8, or K-12 sections, but not the K-3 section, while a 9th grade student may only play in the K-12 section. A team event will be held in each section (a team is a minimum of two students from a school or club in a section).

LOCATION: James R Cowan Fundamental School, 3350 Becerra Way, Sacramento. Directions: From Interstate 80 or Business Loop 80 in Sacramento, exit on Watt Avenue and go south. Go approximately one mile and turn left on Whitney Avenue. Go approximately ¾ mile and turn right on Becerra Way. The school is 1/3-1/2 mile down the road on the left.

GENERAL INFO: All players must be current members of the United States Chess Federation (USCF). Non-members may join when they send in their entry. The event will be run according to the USCF rule book and any modifications made for scholastic competition.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 must be postmarked by January 20, 2007 **SPECIAL ENTRY:** 1st time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15, tournament play only) and Entry Fee, \$23.00 **OR** 1st time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15 with 6 issues of Chess Life), \$29.00 **OR** 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (age 15-19) and Entry Fee \$35.00; all must be postmarked by January 20, 2007. Entries postmarked after January 20, add \$15.00. \$2 CalChess discount available. Maximum of two ½ point byes are available to each player and must be requested prior to the close of registration. The Sacramento Chess Club will post advance entries under the Weekend Events Info portion of it's web site (<http://sacramentochessclub.org>). Ratings from the 12/06 rating supplement only.

SCHEDULE: Check in & on-site registration: January 27, 8:15 am to 9:00 am. **Player, parent, and coaches meeting:** 9:15 am in the tournament hall. **Round 1:** 9:30 am; **Round 2:** 11:00 am; **Round 3:** 12:45 pm; **Round 4:** 2:00 pm; **Round 5:** 3:15 pm. **Awards:** Following the completion of Round 5. **Time control:** Game/30.

PRIZES: Individual trophies awarded to at least the top 5 in each section. Up to 3 team and 3 club trophies (minimum 2 clubs) will be awarded in each section. The best 4 scores from each team/club will be used and may be adjusted based on entries. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used to break all ties. Advance entries will be used to determine total number of trophies to be awarded. **Players may win only one individual trophy.**

OTHER: Bring chess sets and chess clocks! In the last round, players from the same school may face each other to determine individual championships, even if it affects team championship prospects. Late entries will be given a ½ point bye or be paired against another late entry at the Tournament Director's discretion. This event is sponsored by James R Cowan Fundamental School and the Sacramento Chess Club. **This is not a program of the San Juan Unified School District. The San Juan Unified School District accepts no liability or responsibility for this program.**

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR & FURTHER INFO: John M^cCumiskey, USCF Associate National TD, e-mail: sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org Phone: (916) 524-9479.

2007 Sacramento Elementary School Championship Entry Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____ School/Club: _____

USCF ID Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Rating: _____

Section: (check one) Grades K – 3 Grades K – 6 Grades K – 8 Grades K – 12

_____ Entry Fee (\$15.00 postmarked by 1/20/07)

_____ Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Scholastic Membership (Under age 15, tournament play only) \$23.00;

OR Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Scholastic Membership (Under 15, with Chess Life) \$29.00

OR Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (Age 15-19) \$35.00 (postmarked by 1/20/07)

_____ USCF Scholastic Membership (Under age 15, tournament play only) \$19.00; **OR** USCF Youth Membership (Age 15-19) \$25.00

_____ Late Entry: postmarked after 1/20/2007 or on site (additional \$15)

_____ CalChess discount \$2

TOTAL FEES

Requested Byes: _____

Make checks payable to Sacramento Chess Club and mail to 6700 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823-1306 **NB**



Sacramento Chess School

Hart Senior Center
915 27th Street, Sacramento, CA

Complete the following steps to participate:

Step #1: Register at 6 PM

Step #2: Play rated tournament chess game(s) – \$1 entry fee.

Step #3: Lesson presentation (by strong players).

All participants must be USCF members.

2007 Schedule

January 5, 19, 26; February 2, 16, 23;
March 2, 16, 23; April 6, 20, 27;
May 4, 18, 25; June 1, 15, 22;
July 6, 20, 27; August 3, 17, 24;
September 7, 21, 28; October 5, 19, 26
November 2, 16, no meeting the day after Thanksgiving;
December 7, 21, 28

For more information, contact Mike Parmon, (916) 452-5943, e-mail:
michparm@yahoo.com



Game & Newsletter Submissions: If you have any games (analysis appreciated but not required) or articles for next issue of the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, please submit them via e-mail to sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org or at the Club. Deadline for the next newsletter is April 1st and it will go out around April 15th.

Address Updates and Corrections to: Please send your address updates and/or corrections to Sacramento Chess Club, 6700 50th St., Sacramento, CA 95823-1306 or e-mail sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org. Thank you!



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2007 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship, February 24, 2007

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LOCATION: Sacramento Country Day School, 2636 Latham Drive, Sacramento. **From Business I-80** – Exit at Fulton Avenue and go south. Continue south on Fulton past Fair Oaks Boulevard (Fulton Avenue becomes Munroe), turn left on Latham Drive. Country Day is one-half block on the right. **From Highway 50** – Exit at Howe Avenue/Power Inn Road and go north. Continue north for approximately one mile and turn right at American River Drive. At the first stop light (Munroe), turn left. Turn right on Latham Drive. Country Day is one-half block on the right. **From Downtown Sacramento** – Go east on "J" Street – it will become Fair Oaks Blvd. Turn right on Munroe and left on Latham Drive. Country Day is one-half block on the right.

GENERAL INFO: All players must be current members of the United States Chess Federation (USCF). Non-members may join when they send in their entry. The event will be run according to the USCF rule book and any modifications made for scholastic competition.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00; must be postmarked by February 17, 2007. **SPECIAL ENTRY:** 1st time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15) and Entry Fee, \$23.00 **OR** 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (age 15-19) and Entry Fee \$35.00; all must be postmarked by February 17, 2007. For all entries postmarked after February 17, 2007 and on-site, add \$15.00. CalChess member discount, \$2. Two ½ point byes are available to each player and must be requested prior to the close of registration and check-in time. The Sacramento Chess Club will post advance entries under the Weekend Events Info portion of it's web site (<http://sacramentochessclub.org>).

SCHEDULE: Check-in & on-site registration: February 24, 8:30 am to 9:15 am. **Player, parent, and coaches meeting:** 9:30 am in the tournament hall. **Round 1:** 9:45 am; **Round 2:** 11:15 am; **Round 3:** 1:00 pm; **Round 4:** 2:15 pm; **Round 5:** 3:30 pm. **Awards:** Following the completion of Round 5. **Time control:** Game/30.

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Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____ School: _____

USCF ID Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Rating: _____

Section: (check one) K – 3rd Grade K – 6th Grade K – 8th Grade K – 12th Grade

_____ Entry Fee (\$15.00 postmarked by 2/17/07)

_____ Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Scholastic Membership (Under age 15) \$29.00; **OR**

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_____ **SUBTOTAL**

_____ CalChess member discount, \$2

_____ **TOTAL FEES**

Requested Byes (if any): _____

Make checks payable to Sacramento Chess Club and mail to 3312 Corbin Way, Sacramento, CA 95827

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Note: Recent Results from Club and weekend events can be found at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

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